

## The State of New Hampshire State Board for the Licensing and Regulation of Plumbers

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### **NEWSLETTER**

The Board is pleased to announce that we have improved our current website. You can now download renewal forms, apprentice information, complaint forms and find updates on seminar classes and much more. Please take a few moments to browse the new website.. <a href="http://webster.state.nh.us/plumbing/">http://webster.state.nh.us/plumbing/</a>

The International Plumbing Code 2000 officially became effective on Thursday, October 24, 2002. The State Code Review Committee has met and is in the process of drafting Administrative Rules. Once these rules are in place, the Committee will begin a review of our proposed amendments. We do have some amendments in place on an interim basis that allows the code to be enforced in this State.

All plumbers attending a seminar after November 1, 2002 must have a copy of the 2000 International Plumbing Code. The interim code amendments will be available at all seminars.

The Board approved the formation of a dispute resolution committee to further the Board's ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and interest of the consumers of plumbing services in New Hampshire and to give both the professional plumbers licensed in the State of New Hampshire and the consumers an efficient way to resolve disputes which do not appear to rise to the level of a violation of the Plumbing Code. The consumer complaints targeted will include disputes and questions concerning fees, timeliness of work and quality of work completed. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact this office.

Exam questions will be based on the new code as of the March 2003 exam. Apprentice classes will be using the new code as of September 2002. <u>REMINDER</u>: Any person whose license has been expired for more than 60 days is NOT LICENSED. He or she shall be required to re-apply for the appropriate examination, and pass it with a minimum grade of 70% to become licensed again. This is according to RSA 329-A.

MASTER PLUMBERS: Please make sure ALL your apprentices have an APPRENTICE AGREEMENT. This is separate from the yellow ID card issued by the Plumbing Board. When the apprentice renews his card, we are now requiring that they send a copy of their "Apprentice Agreement". Contact Dick Grandmaison or Jack Jarvis at 225-1444 if you have any questions.

Masters, please make sure all your employees are licensed and that they carry their I.D. card with them. You may be liable if your employee is on the job without the proper identification card.

All corporations, partnerships and LLC's require a corporate license as per RSA 329-A:10. Please feel free to contact the Plumbers' Licensing Board for more information.

In 2003, 65 complaints were registered with the Board and investigated. Since August of 2003, 8 unlicensed plumbers were charged in district court and found guilty.

**REMINDER!** All new or repaired potable water systems shall be disinfected or chlorinated prior to being put into use. (refer to section 610 of the IPC 2000). This may be a requirement of the local inspector at the time of final inspection or prior to a certificate of occupancy being issued.

#### **SEMINARS**

All Master and Journeyman Plumbers shall attend one plumbing code seminar **before** they renew their license each year. The board has approved the following to conduct seminars.

#### TO REGISTER YOU MUST CALL ONE OF THE SCHOOLS BELOW Cert. # 101-04 Plumbing Education Services, Tedd Evans, 603-669-6868 16 Nashua 6 Nashua 4 Nashua Mar May 27 Portsmouth 22 Portsmouth 17 Portsmouth 20 Concord Local Union 131, 603-669-7307 102-04 10 Hooksett May 103-04 Keene Community Education, 603-357-0088 8 Keene 13 Keene Mar Apr (Nancy Allen) (Joe Provencher) 04-04 Roy Pender, Phone & Fax 603-942-5071 107-04 NH Community Technical College at Claremont, 603-542-7744 x2207. Nancy Allen, Instructor 24 Claremont 26 Claremont Mar Apr 28 Claremont May 108-04 Professional Plumbing Seminars, day #626-7371, out of area #1-800-807-9827, after 5 p.m. Jack Vaillancourt 603-624-1190 and Richard Zannini 603-929-7459. 2 Manchester 6 Manchester Mar May Manchester Portsmouth 20 Manchester Manchester 13 Marlborough, MA 16 Manchester 111-04 NHPMC, 603-483-8200. Mar 6 Nashua Apr 14 Dover May 12 Concord 12-04 Philip J. Cocchiaro, Jr, office 603-641-7358, home 603-497-2624. 113-04 Michael Capsalis, 603-744-5959. 22 Bridgewater Mar 114-04 Scott Allen, 603-752-1553. 5 Berlin Apr 115-04 Thomas J. Roberts, home 603-485-8811, office 603-271-5274. **Matthew Cronin** 29 Concord Mar 12 Laconia Apr May 10 Conway 26 Concord Concord 24 16-04 Andy O'Hara, 603-744-3797 117-04 Leonard Wolf, 603-382-2210 2 Plaistow 5 Plaistow 3 Plaistow Mar May Apr 118-04 Pete Stone 978-688-0438 Jim Quinlan Mar 9 Andover MA 119-04 Dan Trombly 802-748-1953 120-04 Ron LeMere 603-890-6440

This agency is not responsible for any changes in dates, times or locations of seminars.

<sup>\*</sup>Additional seminar programs will be listed when they are approved

<sup>\*\*</sup>Notice: Seminars can be given by any individual, school, association or institution that complies with PLU 402.01 and is certified by the Board. Individuals who are interested in conducting seminars should contact this office for further information.